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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Detailed Action

Response to Amendment

Claims 1-27 are pending. This action is in response to the amendment received August 8, 2005.

Response to Arguments

The rejection of claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Guheen et al (US 6,615,166) is maintained.

Applicant's arguments filed August 8, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the arguments concerning the previously rejected claims the following comments are made:

A.) Applicant alleges that the prior art made of record fails to teach a header display region for displaying a header corresponding to at least one user defined company which a user desires to monitor financial information pertaining thereto. The examiner disagrees with applicant's representative since Guheen teaches a header (col. 83, line 58 to col. 84, line 16) display region for displaying a header corresponding to at least one user defined company which a user desires to monitor financial (col. 150, line 56 to col. 151, line 21; figs. 1W-E and 32) information pertaining thereto. In other words, Guheen teaches a header files in relation to financial management issues. He discloses asset management ensures that all assets are registered within the inventory system and that detailed information for registered assets is updated and validated

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throughout the assets lifetime. This information will be required for such activities as managing service levels, managing change, assisting in incident and problem resolution and providing necessary financial information to the organization. In addition, he teaches the intended use of the tool for collecting, analyzing and displaying in graphical format. The financial information is in real-time performance rate that is characterized from a wide range of resources. The system analyzed current workload and configuration data and forecast future requirements, as well as providing input into the financial planning process.

B.) Re claims 24-27, Guheen teaches a software system as claimed in claims 1 and 12. Therefore the rationale applied in the rejection of claims 1 and 12 applies herein. In addition, Guheen teaches a security information region displaying financial information related to trading activities (col. 207, lines 2-40) of the first one of the financial securities (col. 148-149; col. 41, line 56 to col. 42, line 30; fig. 3). He discloses a security information region in relation to security standards, guidelines and procedures provide security direction to the financial information. The system will help define how the security requirements developed through the Risk Assessment must be addressed in all areas of the financial environment.

With regards to the claims rejected as rejected over Guheen, the examiner would like to point out that the reference teaches the claimed limitations and thus provides adequate support for the claimed limitations. Therefore, the examiner maintains that Guhenn taught the claimed limitations.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on (571) 272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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10/20/2005

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent Millin", written in a cursive style.